

NEWS RELEASE

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Yakima River levels on the rise

Richland, Wash: Water levels in the Yakima River continue to rise as forecast earlier this week. Benton County Emergency Services reminds residents living along the Yakima River to monitor the water levels in their area. A combination of recent rainfall and snowmelt has caused the increased river levels.

New information shows the Yakima cresting below flood stage during the early morning hours on Thursday, March 15. Emergency officials remind residents of Benton City, West Richland, Prosser, and Richland living in low-lying areas along the Yakima that they may see some minor localized flooding before water levels begin to recede.

County officials will continue to monitor river levels and will advise area residents if conditions change. Up-to-date information is also available on the Benton County Emergency Services website – www.bces.wa.gov.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Also, current flood warnings are only for the Yakima River near Parker in Yakima County.